# BRITONS FACE MILITARY COMPULSION

# SERVICE BILL **AGAINTAKEN UPBYBRITISH**

Compulsory Act Is Being Threshed Out for Second Time in Great Britain.

STARRING UNRELIABLE

Methods Used to Distinguish Eligibles Found Faulty by Lord Derby.

London, Jan. 5 (3:46 p. m.)-Under the terms of the compulsory military service bill, introduced in the house of commons today, all males between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent on them are liable for military service. Ireland is excluded from the terms of the measure.

Mr. Asquith opened his address with an analysis of the figures in the Derby report. He emphasized the fact that during the Derby campaign nearly 3,000,000 men had offered their services. Even deducting those rejected on the ground of physical disability, the total was still in excess of 2,500,

"These are wonderful, encouraing figures," the premier said. "They ought to convince both our allies and our enemies that the people of this Message Leads Shore Stations to Becountry have their hearts in the war.' Lendon, Jan. 4, 1 p. m .- (Delayed.) -In the house of commons tomorrow (Wednesday) the compulsory military service will be taken up. It promises struggle since the war began.

recruiting campaign, which began Oct. 23 and ended Dec. 11, explains why the but after those engaged in indispensa- took to the boats. ble industries and medically unfit have been winnowed out about 1,100,000 available to bear arms remain. But there are 659,000 unmarried men who failed to come forward, and the government will not attempt to redeem Premier Asquith's pledge that the married men should not be called out as long as a considerable fraction of the unmarried men held back.

Starring Method Faulty. In his report, which is addressed to

Earl of Derby says:

the army. Instead of starring being an fighting. Assistance, it was a distinct hindrance "The greatest war of history is ragto the canvass.

Farmers Hang Back.

the fact that it was known before registration day what branches of the agricultural industry would be starred, with the result that many men who had to right to do so, claimed to come under these particular headings. The sense of unfairness thus created and the inequality of treatment to farmers has been most detrimental in these areas. The farmer himself is not a starred man, but there are numberless cases of his sons and laborers being though in many instances, it is known they are not really so engaged.

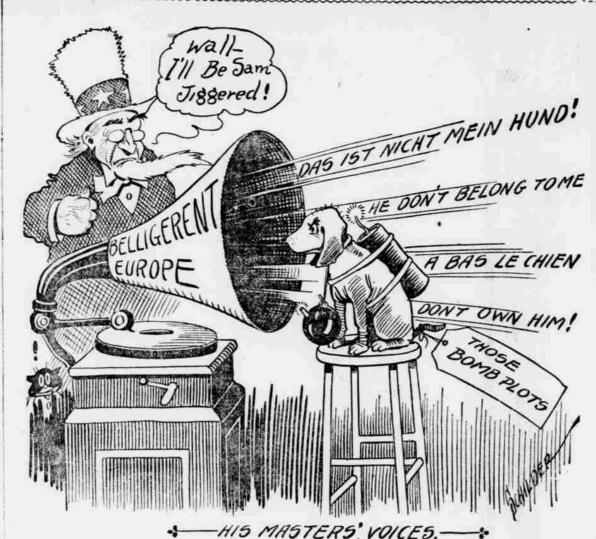
starred men in all industries.

tions' has also proven an obstacle. I tation and would form a valuable relists should be issued, but the fact re- America. mains that trades other than those mentioned in those lists have been ap- WOULD UNITE THREE plying to be included, and the men en-

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## PROMOTERS READY TO

of St. Louis with the Missouri public nois, have launched a movement to winds diminishing Thursday. Service commission here yesterday, it combine the institutions. was learned from an authoritative According to plans, it was said to- yesterday 48, lowest last night, 28. meet substantially the conditions re- in any of the institutions or might use cently imposed by the commission, the advantage of all three. provided the voting trust feature of the plan is retained.



Heve Boat Is Lost and Crew Adrift Out at Sea.

New York, Jan. 5 .- The captain and to bring on the sharpest parliamentary 90 men of the crew of the Greek steamer Thessaloniki are believed today to Prince. The force of American ma-The Earl of Derby's report on his be adrift in lifeboats at sea more than 300 miles southeast of Sandy Hook, cabinet found it necessary to bring having abandoned the steamer last forward a measure for compulsory en- night. A wireless message, fragments losses, of unmarried men. More of which were picked up by shore stathan 2,500,000 men in England, Scot- tions, indicated that the Thessaloniki moved on Grand Prevot and ran land and Wales enrolled themselves, probably was sinking when the crew

# MAKES PLEA FOR

made by Rabbi Harrison of St. Louis ber the rebels reached an understand- tude to be taken by the United States. Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, the at its annual dinner here last night, orities under which they were to dis- scraps of paper," says the Tribuna, the unreliability of starring, as dis- sian armies and said that their wives, tinguishing between those who should fathers and sisters were insulted in ported is of importance. and those who should not be taken for the very country for which they were

ing now," he said. "In the awful area swept by cannon fire, on side of the battle front, between Teutons and Slav, rural and semi-rural areas, owing to willow the first million Jews. Half a gary today. Their plight is beyond description."

of a \$10,000 trophy to be competed for Yasaka Maru. "It is essential that the starred list by representatives of North and South should be carefully investigated and in America, and to be known as the Pancases of misdescription the star re- American aviation trophy. This offer is moved and the man made available for intended as an endorsement of the plan military service. This applies to of Alberto Santos-Dumont, who suggested to the Pan-American congress "The issue during the process of the in Washington that thousands of aerocanvass of list of trades which were planes could be used on this continent to be considered 'reserved occupa- to solve difficult problems of transporsecognize it was essential that such serve in defense of the nations of

Chicago, Jan. 5,-Physicians connected with Rush Medical college MEET CONDITIONS which is affiliated with the University day, much colder with a cold wave minister of munitions, David Lloyd of Chicago; the Medical college of with the lowest temperature tonight George, announced today that 396 ad-Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 5.—Follow- Northwestern university, and the med- about 5 degrees below zero. Thursday ditional establishments had been ening the conference of Festus J. Wade ical college of the University of Illi- continued cold. Fresh northwest rolled under the control of the min-

source that the promoters of the pro- day, the three colleges would retain Posed plan for reorganizing the St. their present university affiliation but per hour. Louis and San Francisco railroad, of would cooperate in such a way that Whom Mr. Wade is one, are willing to students might take a desired course

The idea has been proposed in the 24 hours.

### Outbreak by **Haitian Clan** is Reported

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 5 .- A revolutionary outbreak occurred at 2 o'clock this morning at Port Au rines maintained in this city was attacked. One of the rebels was killed by the Americans, who suffered no

Several groups of Insurrectionists through the streets, discharging rifles, The Americans met them and they were rapidly dispersed

The outbreak is condemned and has been characterized as a piece of folly. After the assassination of President Guillaume by a mob last July, in the forces were landed in Haiti. Under the

### INSURANCE HIGH ON SUEZ ROUTES

New York, Jan. 5 .- The activity of submarines in the Mediterranean sea caused an advance in war risk insurance by local companies today on cargoes for Mediterranean ports and ship-AERO CONTESTS ments for the far east through the man Reynolds of Creston and United Suez canal. A rate of 10 per cent is States Marshal Nick Reed of Ottumwa ments for the far east through the man Reynolds of Creston and United Washington government. quoted on cargoes in ships of bellig- have gone to St. Louis to arrange for New York, Jan. 5.—The Aero Club three-eighths of one per cent before to the democratic national convention.

> gested by information from London Jefferson hotel. that Lloyds have virtually refused to write war risks on Mediterranean bus-

War risks on vessels to Scandingvian and United Kingdom ports remain where they have been for several months.

#### THE WEATHER

MEDICAL SCHOOLS Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for forded him relief from pain. Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 16 miles

Precipitation none.

a. m. 83, at 1 p. m. today 52.

interest of efficiency and economy. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster. of the Easton Express.

#### TEUTONS DRIVEN **OUT CZERNOWITZ** London, Jan. 4, (9:49 p. m. De

layed.)-A news agency dispatch from Petrograd says the Austro-German forces have evacuated Czernowitz, which had become untenable because of the Russian capture of the heights surrounding the city. Czernowitz is undoubtedly a vantage point for a Russian campaign. It already has changed hands four times. The Russians claim a great number of prisoners, including many Germans,

Rome, Jan. 4. (Delayed.) - Rome patches regarding the return of Presi- of a vessel which might technically be "President Wilson continues to send

warfare are Germans, Austrians or tonic powers will not be determined

# REED PREPARING

Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 5 .- State Chair-

Huerta Passes Restful Night.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 5. - General Huerta, former provisional president or make it plain to the central powof Mexico, who is seriously ill at his home here, passed a restful night. His condition is unchanged.

An operation yesterday, the third within two days, to remove fluid from the intestinal tract, left the aged patient in a weakened condition, but af-

Generally fair tonight and Thurs- London, Jan. 4, (9:05 p. m.)-The sue. istry since Jan. 1. This makes a total Temperature at 7 a. m. 28. Highest of 2,422 controlled establishments.

Prominent Democrat Dies.

### **ASKIDENTITY** OF SUB THAT SANK PERSIA London, Jan. 4, 8 p. m .- (Delayed.)

In Compliance With Washington Request Gerard Quizzes Germans.

#### 2 AMERICANS ON BOARD

United States Consul Establishes Number - No Word of McNeely.

BULLETIN.

London, Jan. 5, (4:23 p. m.)-The American embassy here has received a report saying that the Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, an American, was a passenger on the liner Persia which was sunk in the Mediterranean, but that he was not included among the survivors.

London, Jan. 4, (7:35 p. m.) (delayed). - An Amsterdam Exchange Telegraph company says that the American ambassador at Berlin, James W. Gerard, conferred today with officials at the foreign office concerning the sinking of the steamship Persia. Mr. Gerard is said to have inquired about the nationality of the submarine which sank the vessel.

The German secretary of the navy, Admiral von Tirpitz, conferred with Emperor William on Monday.

of Boston.

retary Lansing for an hour today over on charges on insubordination, it being the submarine crisis. No additional claimed that he took orders not from facts, beyond the definite knowledge the board of police commissioners, of the interned at ips of one of the belligthat only two Americans were aboard which the mayor is an ex-officio memthe liner Persia, had been received by ber, but from a number of so-called WILSUN IAUIUS the state department overnight. Robthe state department overnight. Rob- reformers, Aden, Arabia, is missing. C. H. Grant ENTERING BIDS FOR of Boston was saved.

Whether the status of the Persia was course of the revolution, American newspapers publish Washington dischanged from an unarmed liner to that

Anxiously Await News.

dren. The time has come for America definite information concerning the to act or to disinterest herself regard- attack on the vessel. Until the full ing the waging of inhuman warfare, facts are at hand, however, the next whether those responsible for such move in the new crisis with the Teu-

> President Wilson, who is personally directing the policy of the United States, has taken steps to ascertain as speedily as possible the facts in the case. Information is being sought as to whether the Persia actually was torpedoed and, if so, what was the nationality of the submarine. Until these points are cleared up no move probably will be made by the

#### Affidavits Are Ordered.

Acting on instructions from the erent countries, as compared with headquarters for the Iowa delegation president, Secretary Lansing has ordered American consular officers to starred as cowmen, horsemen, etc., of America, announced today an offer the sinking of the Ancona and the They left together and will meet with obtain affidavits from the survivors C. Boeschenstein, national committee- of the Persia and immediately to ca-Underwriters say the rate is advanc- mon from Illinois and former Gover- ble summaries of their contents. A ed to discourage requests for insur- nor Francis at St. Louis. The lowans report also is awaited from Ambassaance, and that their action was sug- plan to establish headquarters at the dor Penfield at Vienna regarding his inquiries to the Austrian foreign of-

> Possibility that the next move on the part of the United States will be to which it intends to hold them responsible for submarine warfare which is not in accordance with accepted principles of international law, was a subject of discussion here today

While the situation here still was as tense as ever, officials were hopeful that a new way would be found England Adds to Munitions Factories. for an amicable settlement of the is-

## ON LUCEY'S ADVICE

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5 .- Following the advice of the Attorney General, P. J. Lucey, Chief Warrant Clerk John J. Easton, Pa., Jan. 5.-Howard Mutch- Coffey of State Auditor Brady's office ler, a former congressman and prom- decided to ignore a subpoena served Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 100, at inent in democratic politics in Penn- on him today by a representative of sylvania, died at his home here last John Pfieffer, a local attorney. Pfieffer Stage of water 6.8 a fall of .6 in last night of pneumonia. Mr. Mutchler admitted he was without official standwas 56 years old and was the owner ing other than that he is a notary l public.

## WOULDHAVECASE OF ENGLISH TRIED BEFORE TRIBUNAL

Sinking of the White Star liner Arabic, destruction of a British submarine by a German destroyer on the Danish coast and the submarine attack on the British steamer Ruel are the three incidents that Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, suggests for submission to some impartial tribune for investigation, together with the case of the Baralong.

The foreign secretary notes in his reply to Ambassador Page's communication of a memorandum from the German government complaining of circumstances alleged to have attended the destruction of a German submarine by the British auxiliary cruiser Baralong, that the three incidents in question occurred within 48 hours of the time the Baralong sank the submarine.

"It is evident that to single out the case of the Baralong for particular examination would be the height of absurdity," says the secretary, "Even were the allegations on which the German government rely accepted as they stand-and his majesty's government does not so accept them-the charge against the commander and crew of the Baralong is negligible compared with the crimes which have been deliberately committed by German officers both on land and sea against combatants and non-combatants.'

Americans were on the Persia when special election today. Efforts are beshe was sunk, the American consul ing made to oust the six officials beat Marseilles today advised the state cause they reduced Chief of Police J. department, Robert McNeely of L. Beavers to a captaincy. Beavers, in North Carolina and Charles H. Grant 1912, became widely known for abolishing the local restricted district. President Wilson conferred with Sec- Beavers was reduced in rank last July,

### NEW OTTUMWA HOTEL litical antagonists."

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—A plea for the United States and Haiti, American dent Wilson to the capital in connecmounted one gun, United States navy senting various kinds of heating and secretary harbored any purpose to buy Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—A plea for the chief states and forces are being maintained on the istory of St. Louis and for police purposes. In Septem- greatest interest is shown in the attiquarter million dollar hotel to be consistent with the most exalted moerected here in the spring. The bids tives that might induce the president The administration continued to- open this afternoo but it is not proba- to refrain from a public declaration "Many difficulties have been met Rabbi Harrison told of the courage of arm. Quiet has prevailed since that "while submarines answer by sinking day to mark time in the situation bic that the awards will be made for a that belligerent's ships would be with, but the chief difficulty has been the Jews in the vanguard of the Rus-

#### THE WAR TODAY

Premier Asquith today introduced in the house of commons a bill for compulsory military service.

A bill facilitating the production of munitions has been passed by the British house of commons.

Activity in the actual field of war is confined mainly at present to the front in Galicia and the Bessarabian front.

Introduction in the British house of commons of the bill dealing with compulsory military service is set for today. The 651,160 unmarried men eligible for military service who failed to come forward to attest themselves under the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan are not considered a "negligible quantity," hence decision of the cabinet to redeem Premier Asquith's pledge to the married men that they would not be called out while any considerable proportion of the single men were holding

The Greek government has made vigorous protest to the entente nowers against the arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki, according to Athens advices, its note demanding in energetic terms the release of the arrested persons.

Berlin hears that the Greek minister at Sofia has informed Bulgaria that Greece will use all means at her disposal to support her recent protest against the arrest of the German and other consuls at Saloniki, Greece desiring to maintain good relations with

the central powers. A French official statement declares Bulgarian detachments have been pillaging villages on the

Greek frontier. London has advices that the American ambassador at Berlin, James W. Gerard, has conferred with the Berlin foreign office regarding the sinking of the steam-

# **CHARGE UPON PURCHASE OF** SHIPS IS VOID

Both Majority and Minority Reports Declare Rumors Are Baseless.

#### DENOUNCE ROOSEVELT

In Upholding Administration Papers Take Thrust at Former President.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate: Lands committee worked on the waterpower leasing bill. House: Representative Humphrey, republican, of Washington, in attack on tariff, attributed pros-

perity solely to the war. The administration bill for development of water power on public domain debated.

Naval committee began hearings on naval bill. Postoffice committee resumed hearings on postal bill.

Washington, Jan. 5 .- Charges circulated during the last session of congress that administration officials acted in the interest of foreign business firms in urging the passage of the government ship purchase bill, were held to be baseless, in majority and minor-Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.-The question ity reports filed today by the senate of whether or not to recall from office committee appointed to investigate Mayor Woodward and five members of them. Both reports also found the the local board of police commission- shipping interests blameless of illegal Washington, Jan. 5.-Only two ers was before Atlanta voters at a activity in opposition to the measure.

Roosevelt Denounced. The majority denounced Theodore Roosevelt for failing to appear before the committee to testify concerning his published assertion that President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, "had endeavored in the interest of certain foreign business firms to secure for the United States the power to purchase erents." The charge, the report said, had its origin "in that ungenerous trait of the human mind which makes it prone to attribute unworthy motives to

redoubtable rivals and particularly po-Majority Finds No Evidence.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 5.—Contractors While the committee found no evi-

"Such an action." said the report. would rightly be construed as an abandonment of our rights which our nation has vigorously maintained, to acquire merchant ships by bonafide purchase, though a state of war exists involving the nation under whose flag they previously sailed."

Called Bad Legislation.

Senator Sutherland presented the minority report for himself and Senator Penrose. "We do not concur," it said, "In so far as the report defends the bill itself nor in so far as it insists there would be no impropriety in the purchase of the belligerent's idle We believe the bill a thoroughly bad piece of legislation and are certain that to have purchased the boats now seeking security in American harbors would have developed serious trouble for the United States."

The committee's investigation was authorized by a resolution offered by Senator Burton and an amendment by Senator Williams, directing the inquiry as to whether the so-called shipping trust had maintained a lobby against the bill.

### NAVY DISCARDS FIVE OLD BOATS

Washington, Jan. 5 .- Five ships no longer fit for even reserve duty have been stricken from the navy list by order of the department. Two of them, the old monitors Terror and Miantonomah now at the Philadelphia

navy vard, will be used as targets. The other ships are the old wooden steam frigate Lancaster, which has been used recently as a marine corps floating hospital, the gunboat Concord, at present assigned to the Washington state naval militia, and the fuel ship

Justin, on duty on the west coast. Son of Schumann-Heink Dead.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 5 .- Hans Schumann-Haink, son of Madame Schumann-Heink, the famous contralto, died here this morning of pneumonia. His mother was with him.